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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A computer network system used to ~~inform~~
inform concerned entities that a person has died comprising:

a patient care facility notification center which transmits a death notice to a funeral home informing the funeral home of the death of the patient;

a funeral home to receive the death notice from the patient care facility notification center, said funeral home being linked by a computer network to concerned entities;

said concerned entities being linked to said computer network of the funeral home to receive the death notice, [[and]]

said concerned entities including an insurance company having a policy on the patient who has died and the Social Security Administration;

a compensation generated by processing the policy on the patient who has died at the insurance company; and

a beneficiary deposit account wherein the compensation is deposited into the beneficiary deposit account after the processing of the policy at the insurance company.

Claim 2 (Original): The computer network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said concerned entities linked to the computer network and the funeral home also include a government entity charged with maintaining vital statistics within a community including deaths.

Claim 3 (Previously amended): The computer network as claimed in claim 2 wherein said patient care facility notification center is linked to said funeral home by a

digital transmitting medium and hardware capable of transmitting a digital signal from the patient care facility notification center which can be received by the funeral home.

Claim 4 (Original): The computer network system as claimed in claim 3, also including a pension plan administration office linked to said funeral home through the computer network to receive and transmit digital signals.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): A computer network based method to transmit death notices to concerned entities comprising the steps of:

a) providing a computer network system implemented on a computer network to inform concerned entities that a person has died wherein the computer network system transmits a death notice from a patient care facility via the computer network to a funeral home;

b) the funeral home transmitting via [[a]] the computer network system the death notice to concerned entities linked to the funeral home through the computer network including [[any]] an insurance companies company and the Social Security Administration; and

c) ~~said concerned entities~~ insurance company that receives said death notice from the funeral home retaining data transmitted and acting on said data to provide [[any]] compensation due to a beneficiaries beneficiary of the patient covered by the death notice; and

d) transmitting the compensation due to the beneficiary to the beneficiary's deposit account via the computer network system through the computer network.